

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
TYLER DIVISION**

STATE OF TEXAS,

Plaintiff,

v.

XAVIER BECERRA, Secretary of the United States Department of Health and Human Services, in his official capacity; UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES; UNITED STATES CHILDREN'S BUREAU; JEFF HILD, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for the Administration for Children and Families; ADMINISTRATION FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES; REBECCA JONES GASTON, Commissioner of the Administration on Children, Youth and Families, in her official capacity; ADMINISTRATION ON CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES; CHILDREN'S BUREAU; and the UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Defendants.

CIVIL ACTION NO. 6:24-CV-00348

NOTICE OF APPEARANCE OF COUNSEL

This Notice of Appearance serves to alert the Court that Zachary Rhines will appear as counsel for Plaintiff, the State of Texas, in the above-captioned case along with counsel listed below. Mr. Rhines is a member in good standing with the State Bar of Texas and is authorized to practice in the Eastern District of Texas. His contact information is in the signature block below.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

Pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 5(a), I hereby certify that on December 6, 2024, a true and correct copy of the above and foregoing document was filed electronically (via CM/ECF) and served on all counsel of record.

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